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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of William D. Pierce of Highland, who passed away on October 30, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, William D. Pierce was born January 27, 1934, in Carlinville, the son of Lloyd C. and Helen E. nee Davidson Pierce; he grew up in Greenville and was a graduate of Greenville High School; on November 13, 1965, he married Peggy J. Bess; and

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WHEREAS, He began working for the Illinois State Police on July 8, 1957 and was made Captain on November 30, 1982; he retired as the Deputy Superintendent of Field Operations December 31, 1985 with over 29 years of service; he was appointed Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police in Highland in early 1986 and served for some 12 years; he was named Interim Chief of Police for Collinsville from September of 2003 to June 25, 2004 and returned to Highland and again served as Interim Chief of Police; he was appointed Interim City Manager of Highland in 2005 for six months; and

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WHEREAS, He received the East-West Gateway Council of Governments 2007 Lifetime Public Service Award in November of 2007; he was the Parade Magazine Police Officer of the Year in

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1 the 1970s; he also received the Bob Hardy Citizen of the Year  
2 Award from the Highland Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Highland Rotary Club and  
4 Paul Harris Fellow Recipient, the Highland Optimist Club,  
5 former President of the Highland Area Community Foundation, a  
6 20-year member and Past President of the Highland Chamber of  
7 Commerce; he was also a member of the Evangelical United Church  
8 of Christ in Highland; and

9 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd C.  
10 Pierce; his mother, Helen E. (nee Davidson) Pierce; his wife,  
11 Peggy Jean (nee Bess) Pierce; and his first wife, Marilyn J.  
12 Pierce Hockett, nee Nau; and

13 WHEREAS, William D. Pierce is survived by his daughter,  
14 Barbara A. (Danny) Tally; his son, Richard D. "Rick" (Cindy)  
15 Pierce; his brother, Robert F. (Sylvia) Pierce; his  
16 grandchildren, Brandon M. (Jill) Tally, Brooke D. (Matt) Lewis,  
17 Nathan S. Pierce, and Jessica R. Pierce; his  
18 great-grandchildren, Brodan M. Lewis and Brielle A. Lewis; his  
19 Maltachon dog, Ruby; his mother-in-law, Maxine E. Bess Camp  
20 (nee Mitchelle); his brothers-in-law, Leonard H. (Audrey) Bess  
21 and Danny L. Bess; his sisters-in-law, Donna G. Frazier,  
22 Shirley Y. Ridenhour, Linda L. (Anthony) Vesci, Carol S. (John)  
23 Hasty, and Patricia A. (Randy) Lamb; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
3 his family and friends, the passing of William D. Pierce; and  
4 be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of William D. Pierce as a symbol of our  
7 sincere sympathy.